

DEMOCRATS FEAR
COMMISSION GRAB

Murphy, Sulzer and Others
Afraid to Carry Out Scheme
for Single Public Ser-
vice Board.

DROP IT FOR THE PRESENT

Leaders Suffer from "Cold
Feet." Following the Storm
of Protests Against Abol-
ishing the New York
City Body.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Albany, Jan. 14.—Apparently Charles F. Murphy, Governor Sulzer and all others who were concerned in the scheme to abolish the Public Service Commission and substitute a Sulzer-appointed body of seven members for the two, at the present salary, but with the term of each member increased two years, have got "cold feet."

Following Murphy's visit here and talks with various politicians, the word has gone out that the Healy bill, which would have accomplished this purpose, is to be abandoned, for the present at least.

There is a shrewd suspicion here that apprehension of the effect this bold Tammany grabbing of the Public Service Commission in New York City would have on the approaching municipal election is responsible for the change in plans. It is by no means certain that the Healy measure, or something like it, will not be rushed through the Legislature before it quits work. That will depend largely on how much else the Tammany Legislature has to do in the way of "raw work." At present every effort is being made by the machine leaders to have a quiet, short session, devoid of spectacular features, fights and "raw work" of every description. They want to show the voters how good the Tiger can be when in complete control, for they deem such an object lesson highly necessary to the voters of New York City.

Flooded with Protests.

As soon as it became known that the powers that be had decreed the abolishment of a Public Service Commission to handle New York City's affairs alone, protests began to be received here. The needs of the metropolis for new subways have been impressed on legislators as they never were before, probably, and protests against the abolishment of anything like local control of the subway situation have come from sources influential in the business world, which sometimes allies itself with the political world. It is known that publication in The Tribune of the details of the determination to pass the Healy bill brought about the ears of Murphy and some of his fellows a tempest of opposition.

The plain truth is that at present this matter seems to the Tammany chief and some of his upstate allies too hot to handle. They may don gloves and earmuffs later and get away with it.

In his two days here Murphy has talked with many of the upstate politicians on this matter. They have told him the upstate communities are pretty well satisfied with the upstate commission, and think it might be advisable not to disturb the present scheme of work of the two bodies.

Will Name "Organization" Men.

Following the tacit decision to leave the commissions as they are, gossip regarding Governor Sulzer's appointments has sprung up. The men are said by influential politicians to be cer-

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MALLORY LINER COLORADO
ASHORE ON FLORIDA COAST

Wind and Sea Batter Steamer,
with 12 Feet of Water For-
ward of Her Mainmast.

Washington, Jan. 14.—The Mallory Line steamer Colorado is ashore on East Key, off the coast of Florida, but is in no immediate danger, according to a wireless message from Key West to the Bureau of Navigation of the Navy Department to-night.

The message sent by the wireless operator at Key West follows:

The Peoria, from Tortugas, reports the Mallory liner Colorado ashore on North-east Key in 12 feet of water forward of her mainmast. Went around 8 p. m. 12th. Wind and sea driving her up, but in no immediate danger. Have notified officers of Mallory Line and Captain Gramble, of revenue cutter Miami, who says he will start for Tortugas to-morrow morning.

Key West, Fla., Jan. 14.—Wreckers from Key West left here to-day to assist the Mallory Line steamer Colorado, reported ashore on East Key, Tortugas. The Colorado sailed from this port Monday for Galveston.

The crew of the Colorado is said to be in no danger.

WILSON'S UNBOSSSED TYPIST

Speediest Stenographer' Quits
in a Huff.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 14.—Miss Salome Tarr, President-elect Wilson's "speediest stenographer" has quit because, as she said, she would not be "bossed" by Charles Swen, the principal stenographer on the staff.

Secretary Tumulty tried to get her to return, but so far she has remained obdurate. The President-elect, it is said, probably will have a quiet talk with her to induce her to go back to her old place.

LOST RAPHAEL FOUND

"Donna della Quercia" Comes
to Light After a Century.

London, Jan. 15.—"The Standard" says that Raphael's masterpiece, "La Donna della Quercia," which has been lost to the art world for a century, was brought to London yesterday. The painting was discovered in a chapel on the property of an Italian nobleman, Count Vattelli, and was smuggled out of Italy.

Its recovery, says the paper, will form a thrilling romance when the details are divulged.

TO GERMANY BY WIRELESS

Station at Nauen Reports Com-
municating with New York.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The wireless station at Nauen reports that it was in wireless communication with New York to-day.

This, it is stated, is the first time direct wireless communication has been established between Germany and America.

The tower at Nauen, which has been rebuilt to a height of 212 feet. The American station, which is at Saxville, Long Island, consists of two towers, 233 feet and 199 feet high.

CUT DOWN HIS POLE TAX

Jersey City Man Objects to
Paying Again.

A property owner called at the City Hall in Jersey City yesterday to get his tax bill. He studied it intently and then lodged a protest with Tax Clerk Clarence Miller against the charge of \$1 for pole tax.

"I have no pole now, whatever," he said. "When I saw that on the bill that I got last year I went right home and cut down the pole that was by my house."

The clerk explained.

WOMEN ASK FIRST RECALL

Hiss Judge for Liberation of
Young Girl's Assailant.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—After several club women and clergymen had spoken in denunciation of Police Judge Charles L. Weller to-day at a mass meeting, the first petition for the recall of a judge in California was put in circulation and signed by all the women.

The recall of Judge Weller was started by the Oceanside Women's Club because he reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,600 the bail of Albert Hendricks, charged with assault on a young girl. After giving bail Hendricks fled. Judge Weller attempted a defence, but met with hisses and catcalls. He spoke of his own family and of his devotion to his mother, and left the platform amid a fresh outbreak of angry cries.

NEW ORLEANS—MEXICO—CALIFORNIA—The Southern Railway, connecting at New Orleans with Sunset Route to the Pacific Coast. Dining, Drawing, Stateroom, Sleeping and Observation cars. N. Y. Office, 261 Fifth Ave.—Advt.

PLANS NEW MOVE
ON COAL TRUST

Interstate Commerce Commis-
sion After More Railroads
in the Anthracite
Combination.

SEEKS REBATING EVIDENCE

Three Companies Already In-
dicted Face Possible Fines Ag-
gregating More than \$3,-
200,000 if Convicted
on All the Counts.

[From The Tribune Bureau.]
Washington, Jan. 14.—Attacking the anthracite coal monopoly at a new angle in the campaign to reduce prices, the Interstate Commerce Commission intends to follow up the indictments returned against three railroads by the federal grand jury in Buffalo yesterday with other prosecutions.

Through an investigation of rates charged by the railroads affiliated with the anthracite coal trust the commission struck a severe blow at the combination by causing a readjustment of the rates, but the new line of campaign, it is expected, will be just as productive of results. The division of inquiry, under the direction of S. H. Smith, gathered the evidence against the three railroads indicted and is now at work against other roads.

Extensive rebating to crush competition is charged in the indictments already presented. The defendants are the Erie Railroad Company, the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad Company, two indictments having been returned against the latter.

Heavy Fines Possible.

A maximum penalty of fines aggregating \$3,200,000 is possible if the roads are convicted on every count. Each of the 162 counts carries a possible fine ranging from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

Interstate Commerce Commission officials believe that stiff fines will remedy the rebate evil, which is recognized as a material factor contributing to the power of the railroads to maintain a monopoly and control prices. The Commission will try to get evidence of the extensive rebating system and urge indictments for every offence. Prosecution of alleged rebaters will be under the Elkins act. The Department of Justice is co-operating with the commission, and Attorney General Wickersham will push the prosecutions as rapidly as possible.

Fifty-one counts are contained in the indictment of the Erie Railroad. The company is charged with failure to collect demurrage charges on shipments of anthracite coal during 1910, 1911 and 1912 for Williams & Peters, sales agents at Buffalo, for the Hillside Coal and Iron Company, and the Pennsylvania Coal Company, both of which are owned by the defendant. In some cases the demurrage amounted to more than the transportation charge from the mines to Buffalo. It is alleged. The total charges, it is asserted, amounted to more than \$50,000.

Low Rate for a Lease.

There are eleven counts in the indictment against the Lehigh Valley Railroad. It is charged that the defendant granted a concession to the Yates-Lehigh Coal Company, by leasing to the latter, for a nominal sum, land in Buffalo used as a coal yard. The property is valued at about \$50,000, while the rental paid by the company is only \$250 a year, although the property was previously leased at \$1,500 a year.

The New York Central was indicted on fifty counts in each indictment. The facts on which the first indictment is based are similar to those set forth in the bill against the Erie, except that the coal originated on the lines of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal Company, the shipper having been the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company.

In the second indictment it is alleged that the principle involved is virtually the same as in the first, except that the shipments originated on the New York, Ontario & Western Company's line. The shipper was the Scranton Coal Company, a corporation affiliated with the New York, Ontario & Western.

JOKE SWAMPS TREASURY

Everybody Wants His \$34 72
of the Nation's Wealth.

Washington, Jan. 14.—A newspaper story discussing the per capita circulation of money in the United States in a humorous vein has flooded the Treasury Department with applications for the \$34 72 which, if the country's wealth were divided equally, would be the possession of every man, woman and child. The story, intended to be facetious, advised those who needed the money to draw on the government.

Dozens of letters reached George E. Roberts, Director of the Mint, to-day. One woman wrote:

Kindly send me by parcel post my dividend of the \$3,350,727,000, which is \$34 72, in \$1 bills and 72 pennies.

Another applicant said he was a married man with a family, and he hoped the government would not be offended by his request for his own.

Mr. Roberts has drawn up a circular letter in which he tells applicants that the Treasury Department computes the per capita circulation monthly on a theoretical basis and has no control over its distribution.

EXCLUDED FIGHT
PATRONS IN RIOT

Police Force Back Thousands
Who Had Paid to See Bout
in Harlem but Found
Doors Closed.

TICKETS SOLD AT \$35 EACH

Harbinger Threatens Inquiry
with Whole Force of Office
Unless Money Is Restored
—Free Passes by Police
Blamed for Crowd.

It was only because of the presence of 120 policemen from three Harlem precincts that a riot at the Manhattan Casino, where the Cross-Rivers bout was staged, was prevented last night.

Long before the hour of the main bout thousands of fight patrons swarmed about the building, and at 9 o'clock the crowd in the hall was so large the doors were ordered closed by the Fire Department. As a result, those who attend such classic affairs only to see the main bout, and who pay the highest prices for their seats, were turned back at the door. Fully two thousand men and boys crowded around the entrance and demanded admission.

Pounding on the doors, jeering, cat calls and threats became so noisy that Inspector Sweeney called for the reserves from the West 152d street, West 125th street and the Lenox avenue police stations to drive the crowd back.

When the doors of the hall were closed, it was estimated that 6,000 persons had passed into the hall.

Hats were lost, clothing torn and blows exchanged in the scuffles about the entrance. The majority of those who were refused admission had paid for reserved or inside seats, and they waved these at the policemen, but in vain.

The crowd outside was angered by assertions that the price of seats had been advanced at the box office, and that holders of tickets who had paid from \$2 to \$7 could not get in, while those who had paid fancy prices were admitted.

Sheriff Harbinger, who was a spectator of the fight, said: "It is demoralizing to pugilism. The injustice to the people who paid fancy prices to witness the affair only to be refused admittance is a downright shame and an outrage. I will take measures to learn just who was responsible for the state of affairs. I am determined, that should such power be at my command, to see the money is refunded to those who paid to see the night's show and were disappointed."

Edward McMahon, of McMahon Brothers, who promoted the fight, said the prices paid for admission were from \$2 to \$7. He denied, despite the assertions of many that they had paid as high as \$35 for a ticket, that the price of tickets was raised at the box office. Those making that assertion said they paid the money to persons who passed along the line, which had been formed before 9 o'clock. McMahon smiled when told of the investigation threatened by the Sheriff. Those who had paid for seats and who had not seen the bouts, he added, would receive their money back if they could show their tickets.

It was asserted by many that the police had passed in hundreds of persons early in the evening and that this was one reason why the hall was so overcrowded that those holding tickets could not get inside.

FINGERS HOLD UP AVIATOR

Frostbitten in Air, Jones Delays
Parcel Post Flight.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]
Providence, Jan. 14.—Harry M. Jones, a Providence aviator, who made the first biplane flight with postal matter in this country, when he brought packages of baked beans bearing parcel post stamps from Boston to Providence yesterday afternoon, did not get away on the second stage of his aerial journey to New York to-day, as he had planned. The aviator's frostbitten fingers gave him much pain last night, and on consulting a physician this morning he was told not to attempt a flight until their condition had improved.

Though protected by two pairs of buckskin gloves on his flight, Jones's fingers suffered intensely from the cold, and were frostbitten down to the first joint. He hopes to be off on his way to New London soon after sunup to-morrow. He tuned up his machine at Melrose Park this afternoon in preparation for his departure. He wants a steady fifteen mile an hour wind for the flight.

MRS. GREEN'S ROBE STOLEN

Thief Who Grabbed It from
Auto Caught by Chauffeur.

Mrs. Hetty Green came near having to buy a new automobile robe yesterday. Thomas Riley, aged sixty-four years, of No. 434 East 14th street, was arrested, charged with stealing Mrs. Green's robe from her automobile which was standing near No. 111 Broad, where Mrs. Green has an office. George Duhrum was standing in the doorway to keep out of the wind, when he saw Riley grab the robe and run down Thames street. The chauffeur chased the offender and caught him a block away.

HOWARD SIPP AND HIS FATHER, GEORGE A. SIPP.
Photographed as they were entering the Criminal Courts Building
to give testimony before the grand jury.



ROCKEFELLER IN FLORIDA

Spending a Few Days with
Family at Palm Beach.

Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 14.—William Rockefeller, accompanied by his wife and son, William G. Rockefeller, are spending a few days here before returning to the North. The party arrived last night from Miami.

Mr. Rockefeller declined to comment on the efforts of the Pulo committee to serve him with a subpoena, but said he intended to remain here three or four days. His health and appetite appeared good.

MUD EMBARGO ON SCHOOL

Whippany, N. J., Has Fine New
One, but Kids Can't Get to It.

Whippany, N. J., Jan. 14.—Whippany has a nice new school, but the village children cannot enjoy it, because it is impossible to get to it through the mud. It took two years to build the school after the Board of Education was nine years in selecting the site.

When the school building was finished and it became reasonably apparent that it would be useless unless made more accessible, R. W. McEwan and Edward Connolly agreed to give the money to build a road. The weather has been so bad the road could not be built, so the children are going to school in temporarily hired quarters.

WHALE SLEPT TOO WELL

So the Steamer Cambrian
Struck and Cut It in Two.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Jan. 14.—The overdue steamer Cambrian, which arrived to-day from Europe, while bowling along at a fair clip last Saturday on one of the only two fair days of the entire trip, struck and cut in two a large whale which was sleeping on the ocean. The lookout saw the whale and thought it would move on, but it did not, and with reversed engines the liner hit it amidships. The collision with about thirty tons of bone and blubber gave the ship a jar.

The Cambrian is a freight steamer. For three days last week the ship bucked a hurricane and averaged only three knots.

"JACK" JOHNSON IN JAIL

Federal Officials Take Him from
Canada-Bound Train.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—"Jack" Johnson, the negro pugilist, was taken to the county jail here to-night to await the judgment of Judge George A. Carpenter, of the United States District Court, as to whether his bail bond of \$30,000 should be forfeited.

When the pugilist's party, consisting of his white wife, two white secretaries and valet, reached here after being turned back at Battle Creek, Mich., from a train bound for Toronto Johnson talked with Charles F. De Woody, superintendent of the United States Department of Justice.

"Johnson, if you did not mean to stay out of the jurisdiction of the federal court why did you ship two of your automobiles to Canada?" demanded Mr. De Woody. The pugilist hesitated in his reply and Mr. De Woody gave him his choice of being held in a hotel in charge of marshals or of being taken to jail. Johnson chose the jail.

LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER MISSING.

New London, Conn., Jan. 14.—George Hanson, keeper of the Southwest Ledge light, has been missing from his post since Sunday afternoon. He left the lighthouse in an open power boat, and shortly after putting out his engine apparently broke down. When last seen he was drifting in the direction of Fishers Island. Hanson was thirty-five years old and unmarried.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

FLORIDA—AUGUSTA—CUBA—SOUTH
Electric Lighted Pullmans. 4 Trains Daily
via Standard R. R. of South. 1215 B'way.
—Advt.

"MAN HIGHER UP"
A TAMMANY CHIEF

Sipp Names Him to Grand Jury
as Real Head of Vice Graft
System in Harlem—His
Story Indicts Fox.

WHITMAN FOILS WALDO

Police Bungle Commissioner's
Effort to Intimidate Former
Hotelkeeper by Serving
Him and His Son
with Subpoenas.

Eugene A. Fox, the policeman who had been named as one of the "system's" collectors in Harlem, was indicted for extortion and bribery yesterday by the unanimous vote of the "John Doe" grand jury after it had listened to the testimony of George A. Sipp, the former Harlem hotelkeeper, and his son, Howard.

Three police inspectors and one police captain were named by Sipp as men who had participated at different times within the last five years in the police graft on vice in Harlem, and the former hotelkeeper also furnished the names of several witnesses who could corroborate his charges.

Back of the whole story related by Sipp lies the predominating influence of one of Tammany's big leaders. At this man's beck and call the police commanders who succeeded each other in the district with which Sipp is familiar drove one man out of business and fostered the illegal trade of another.

Prospective Raines law hotels which seemed to promise competition with those in which this Tammany leader was reputed to be interested were not permitted to open their doors, and when their proprietors insisted they were hounded by the police until they threw up their hands and their business together.

Police Bungle for Waldo.

One saloonkeeper who had incurred this man's anger found, Sipp asserted, that he had to shut up shop promptly at the time limit established by law, while competitors were permitted free run beyond that limit. This man's domination of police methods in handling excise and vice in Harlem even extended so far that a barkeeper who had risked his emphysema found he could not hold a job in any saloon in the district.

The desperate fight made by certain high police officials who are sure to be involved in the District Attorney's graft net if Fox becomes a witness for the people in their effort to either prevent Sipp's appearance before the grand jury or to send him before that body as a discredited witness, was lost after a comic opera climax in the Criminal Courts Building.

This last scene was produced under the direction of Rhineland Waldo, Police Commissioner, who sent detectives from headquarters to serve subpoenas on Sipp and his son. Whether acting under specific orders from Waldo or not these detectives precipitated a near-riot in the corridors of the Criminal Courts Building in trying to serve the subpoenas, which were signed by the Commissioner. The net result of their hand-to-hand encounter with the county detectives and deputy sheriffs who were guarding the Sipp was that one subpoena for the elder Sipp was found on the floor of an elevator in the building, and one for the son on the floor of the third floor corridor leading to the grand jury room.

In any event, if Waldo follows his custom of suspending policemen who have been indicted by a grand jury the subpoenas for Fox's police trial will be superfluous, because the state's criminal action against the patrolman will take precedence.

High Police Officials in Net.

Looming large in the background of the Fox indictment lies the fact, which probably explains the extraordinary fight made by the police against the Sipp evidence, that the grand jury yesterday heard testimony which involves a number of higher police officials, including one captain and three inspectors.

Corroborating evidence against these three inspectors and the captain will be heard by the grand jury at its session next Friday, but at the end of the sitting yesterday, when they had heard only Sipp and his son, the jurors voted unanimously for Fox's indictment. The indictment was not handed up to Justice Goff because the paper itself had not been drawn. That detail will be attended to to-day, and the patrolman will be arrested.

The higher police officials whose names were brought into the graft case yesterday include two former commanders of the district in which Sipp operated. The cases of two others, an inspector and a captain, will be considered before the grand jury with regard to the probabilities of an indictment for conspiracy. It is understood that considerable evidence along that line was presented yesterday, but the grand jury expects further corroboration of the conspiracy charges at its next session.

As a side issue of the more direct results of the day it developed that Morris Grossman, the detective sent out by Inspector Sweeney to get the affidavits of the two women who made charges against Sipp, began his work immediately after the Harlem man testified.

BELIEVE WILSON SEEKS
MEN OUTSIDE PARTY

Governor's Friends Note Cordial
Feeling Shown for Progress-
sive Republicans.

WALDO FOR PHILIPPINES?

Put Forward as a Candidate for
Governor General—No Com-
ment from President-
Elect.

Trenton, N. J., Jan. 14.—President-elect Wilson to-day would shed no further light on that part of his speech yesterday in which he said he would not act a partisan in picking progressives to assist in his administration. He reiterated his determination to select only progressives, but would not say whether he had Democrats, Rooseveltians, Republicans or any other brand of progressives in mind.

When his attention was called this evening to the many comments his speech had evoked and the various interpretations placed on his use of the term "progressive," he said with a smile:

"I was not thinking of specifications; it was merely a statement of my general attitude—describing a state of mind."

"I am generally surprised at the parts of my speeches which are picked out for comment," he said. "They are usually the sections which I think deal with things that are obvious, in view of what I have done in the past. I was not thinking of specifications; I was just indicating a tendency and a state of mind."

Leans Toward Republican Wing.

It is believed, however, that President-elect Wilson had in mind the selection of Progressive Republicans as members of his official family when he spoke to the New Jersey electors. The President-elect is usually quick to call attention to any misinterpretation of his remarks in the newspapers, but after he had looked to-day's stories over he did not have a word of objection to them—in fact, he seemed rather pleased.

It is reported around the Governor's office that he has been in communication with a number of Progressive Republican leaders, and that an extremely cordial and sympathetic feeling has sprung up among them. Among others who are said to have been in communication with the President-elect is Oscar S. Straus, who was the Bull Moose candidate for Governor of New York.

While in Chicago the President-elect had two conferences with Charles E. Crane, who was at one time one of Senator La Follette's strongest supporters, both financially and otherwise. Mr. Crane joined the Wilson camp after the Baltimore convention, and in addition to having been in charge of soliciting funds in the West, was also a heavy contributor.

Mr. Crane has a strong following among the progressives, and so has Louis D. Brandeis, who supplied Governor Wilson with most of his material in the regulation of business.

Gardner a Cabinet Possibility.

Willard Saulsbury, Democratic national committeeman from Delaware, and a candidate for Senator, had luncheon with the President-elect to-day. Contrary to the general belief, Governor Wilson said the Senatorship was not discussed. "Mr. Saulsbury came to tell me about the conditions in his

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